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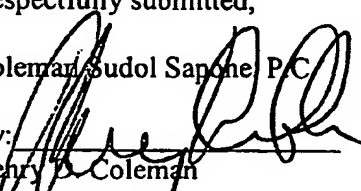
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Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), applicant encloses herewith a copy of Form PTO-1449 listing patent documents relevant to the background of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified application. These patents/references were also cited in a recent International Search Report (copy enclosed) for a related case. A copy of the listed foreign patent document is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the enclosed references in determining the patentability of the claimed invention. Applicant also requests that the Examiner return a copy of enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other marks indicating that the references have been so considered. If any fee is due, please charge/credit deposit account no. 04-0838.

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